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SYNOPSIS

Establishes New Jersey Public Interest Technology Network.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** establishing the New Jersey Public Interest Technology
2 Network and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The Secretary of Higher Education shall appoint and
9 convene the New Jersey Public Interest Technology Network, a
10 network of academics and researchers from New Jersey’s public
11 institutions of higher education, to propose new curriculum,
12 collaborations, and initiatives to advance the emerging field of
13 public interest technology. The network shall, among other efforts:

14 (1) support the development of curriculum and faculty that
15 enable the interdisciplinary education of students;

16 (2) develop experiential learning opportunities with public and
17 private sector partners in the field of public interest technology;

18 (3) identify ways to support graduates who pursue careers
19 working in public interest technology; and

20 (4) create mechanisms for faculty to receive recognition for their
21 work in the field of public interest technology.

22 b. As used in this section, “public interest technology” means an
23 interdisciplinary field dedicated to: the examination of the social,
24 ethical, legal, and policy implications of technology; and the
25 identification of ways to leverage technology to support public
26 interest organizations and the people they serve.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after the date of
29 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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